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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the office action mailed on June 25, 2004 (hereinafter the "last office action"). The 3-month period for responding to the last office action ends on September 25, 2004, which is a Saturday. Therefore, Applicants have until the following Monday, September 27, to submit a response without having to pay a one-month extension fee.

In any event, if for any reason additional fees need to be paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2427 to cover the additional fees.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: